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SUBJECT: CHILE CALLS FOR ABOLISHING OAS SECURITY COMMITTEE
AS INSTRUMENT OF " US IMPERIALISM"

SUMMARY: CHILE PROPOSED DRAFT RES IN OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL
MARCH 21 AIMED AT TERMINATING SPECIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE
SET UP IN 1962 TO MONITOR COMMUNIST SUBVERSION, INCLUDING
CUBAN VARIETY. BESIDES CHALLENGING COMMITTEE' S LEGALITY,
CHILEAN AMB ATTACKED COMMITTEE IN CONTEXT OF IDEOLOGICAL
PLURALISM AND ALLEGED US IMPERIALISM. US REP STRONGLY
REBUTTED ATTACKS. MATTER ASSIGNED FOR STUDY TO
COUNCIL COMMITTEE WHERE WE HOPE TO REMOVE IT FROM DEBATE
OVER OAS CUBA POLICY. END SUMMARY

1. AT FINAL PRE- OASGA MEETING OF OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL

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MARCH 21, CHILE FORMALLY TABLED DRAFT RES DESIGNED TO DO AWAY WITH CONTROVERSIAL SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON SECURITY, ESTABLISHED BY FONMINS AT 8 TH MFM (1962) TO KEEP AN EYE ON " ACTS OF AGGRESSION, SUBVERSION, OR OTHER DANGERS TO PEACE AND SECURITY RESULTING FROM THE CONTINUED INTERVENTION OF SINO- SOVIET POWERS IN THIS HEMISPHERE."

2. PREAMBULAR SECTION OF CHILEAN DRAFT QUESTIONS JURIDICAL BASIS ON WHICH SCCS HAS ACTED SINCE 1962 AND ASSERTS IN ADDITION THAT COMMITTEE HAS FAR EXCEEDED EVEN ITS DOUBTFUL JURIDICAL MANDATE IN NOSING INTO MEMBER COUNTRIES' BUSINESS AND PUBLISHING UNSOLICITED STUDIES. MOREOVER, DRAFT NOTES THAT OAS MEMBERS IN FACT HAVE ALMOST NEVER SOUGHT SCCS ADVICE AND THAT COMMITTEE WAS DENIED FORMAL STATUS WHEN CHARTER WAS REFORMED IN 1965-67. DRAFT'S ONE OPERATIVE PARA CALLS SIMPLY FOR TERMINATING COMMITTEE AT ONCE.

3. CHILEAN AMBASSADOR (HERRERA), WITH AN AGGRESSIVENESS REKINDLED SINCE THE CHILEAN ELECTION, TOOK OFF FROM DRAFT'S JURIDICAL BASE TO ARGUE IN SESSION THAT BROADER QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE WAS INVOLVED. SAID SCCS WAS REALLY SET UP AT US INSTANCE, IN RESPONSE TO CUBA'S HAVING DARED FREE ITSELF FROM " CAPITALIST, IMPERIALIST BONDAGE". TODAY, HOWEVER, OTHER OAS MEMBERS WERE CHALLENGING OAS SUBSERVIENCE TO US PURPOSES AND WERE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO DEAL WITH DIFFERENT SORT OF AGGRESSION-- THAT CARRIED OUT THROUGH GIANT TRANSNATIONAL COMPANIES OR THROUGH INTOLERABLE VIOLATIONS OF SOVEREIGNTY AS IN CASE OF PANAMA CANAL. QUESTION HAD BEEN POSED CLEARLY IN OASGA AGENDA, THANKS TO VENEZUELA, ECUADOR, AND SECGEN HIMSELF: WOULD OAS FIND WAY TO DIVEST ITSELF OF PATERNALISM AND CHANGE WITH THE TIMES OR WAS IT HEADED FOR OBLIVION? SCCS, HE HINTED, WAS MERE BATTING PRACTICE.

4. US REP (AMB JOVA) REPLIED WE TOO WANT OAS BROUGHT UP TO DATE AND LOOK FORWARD TO TAKING PART IN MODERNIZING PROJECT WHICH OASGA WILL KICK OFF. HOWEVER, RECORD HAD TO BE SET STRAIGHT ON SEVERAL POINTS:

A. CUBA DIDN'T HAVE TO AWAIT CASTRO TO GAIN ITS INDEPENDENCE-- IN FACT, US HELPED CUBA FIGHT FOR IT WHILE FIDEL'S ANCESTORS WERE STILL IN SPAIN. AS ACTIVE MEMBER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF OAS, PRE- CASTRO CUBA REGULARLY SHOWED IT WAS NOT

TIED TO US APRON STRINGS.

B. PANAMA CANAL QUESTION IS BILATERAL ONE. BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZE DESIRABILITY OF CHANGE, AND WE ARE SEARCHING BILATERALLY FOR RIGHT FORMULA-- WITH NO NEED OF ADVICE FROM CHILE.

C. US HAD NO REASON TO APOLOGIZE FOR " PATERNALISM" OR " EXPLOITATION" OF ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS. OUR GOOD INTENTIONS WERE MANIFEST IN 11 BILLION DOLS IN ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS TRANSFERS, AND WE ARE PROUD OF HAVING JOINED WITH PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA IN COMMON EFFORT TO ACHIEVE DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGE.

D. WE DISAGREE WITH CHILE' S APPRECIATION OF SCCS' S HISTORY, LEGALITY, AND VALUE, BUT WE' RE PREPARED TO STUDY IN APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE.

5. OTHER REPS THEN JOINED IN: ECUADOR (VEINTIMILLA) AGREED WITH IMPLICATIONS OF IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM BUT ARGUED THAT SCCS NEEDED SO LONG AS AGGRESSION, SUBVERSION, OR INTERVENTION OF ANY SORT PERSISTED. BARBADOS (MCCOMIE) PRAISED CHILE FOR GIVING COUNCIL OPPORTUNITY TO MODERNIZE SYSTEM IN LIGHT OF DETENTE BUT OBSERVED THAT SCCS HAD NOT DEALT WITH SUCH THREATS TO PEACE AND SECURITY AS HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO LIGHT AT PANAMA MEETING OF SECURITY COUNCIL. BOLIVIA (VALENCIA) DEFENDED COMMITTEE' S VALUE AND ITS MEMBERS' QUALITIES. EL SALVADOR (RIVERA) OBSERVED SCCS HAD ALREADY LOST PRESTIGE BECAUSE IT HAD NOT DEALT WITH SUBVERSION FROM RIGHT- WING BUSINESS INTERESTS AS WELL AS FROM LEFT. PARAGUAY (LLANES) FLATLY DEFENDED COMMITTEE. MEXICO (DE LA COLINA) FLATLY OPPOSED IT.

6. UPSHOT WAS TO REFER DRAFT TO JURIDICAL AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE FOR STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS. ROGERS

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